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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

CHARLES BOCOCK,  
Plaintiff

v.

THOMAS J. DART,  
Defendant

1:19-cv-03877

Judge: Jorge L. Alonso

Magistrate Judge: Sidney I. Schenkier

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COMPLAINT

PLAINTIFF, Charles Boccock, self-represented, complains at  
Defendant, Thomas J. Dart, as follows:

1. Defendant is the Sheriff of Cook County.
2. Plaintiff is a pretrial detainee housed in Division 6 at the Cook County Jail.
3. The Cook County Jail is operated by Defendant.
4. Defendant has a policy which is an absolute ban on the receipt or possession of newspapers by residents of the jail.

5. Plaintiff desired to read the New York Times, a national daily newspaper.
6. Defendant's policy prohibited Plaintiff from ordering a copy of the New York Times.
7. Plaintiff is a British citizen.
8. Plaintiff desired to read the Guardian, a daily British national newspaper.
9. Plaintiff was mailed a copy of the Guardian from a British non-profit, Prisoners Abroad.
10. Receipt of the Guardian was denied pursuant to Defendant's policy and the newspaper was returned to the sender.
11. Plaintiff had no access to news of important events concerning his home nation, such as "Brexit."
12. Plaintiff suffered emotional distress from his inability to read newspapers.
13. This case is brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

14. This case is brought against Defendant in his personal and official capacities.

15. Defendant's policy of an absolute ban on the receipt and possession of newspapers at the Cook County Jail violates Plaintiff's free speech first amendment right to read newspapers, and his fourteenth amendment right to due process under the U.S. Constitution.

PLAINTIFF prays this Court to declare Defendant violates Plaintiff's rights to free speech and due process; award Plaintiff general, punitive, compensatory and nominal damages for those violations; and any other relief deemed just.



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